Crater Lake National Park



Hunting Is Prohibited in Crater Lake

The following information is to assist hunters in understanding federal regulations and laws pertaining to hunting, the carrying of weapons, and transportation of lawfully taken wildlife through Crater Lake National Park. Violators of these federal regulation will be prosecuted. Penalties upon conviction may include fines and/or imprisonment. Firearms, vehicles, horses or other instruments used in the taking of wildlife can be seized by rangers and forfeited to the government.

Federal Regulations

36 CFR S1.4: Hunting

As defined by federal regulations, hunting means "taking or attempting to take wildlife." *Take* or *Taking* means to "pursue, hunt, harm, shoot, trap, net, capture, collect, kill, would, or attempt to do any of the above."

36 CFR S2.2: Wildlife Protection

- (a)(2) The feeding, touching, teasing, frightening, or taking of wildlife, or intentional disturbing of wildlife nesting, breeding, or other activities is prohibited.
- (a)(3) The possession of unlawfully taken carcasses or portions thereof (in violation of federal or state law) is prohibited. Possession within the park of dead wildlife or parts thereof shall be prima facie evidence that the person or persons having the same are guilty of violating this act.

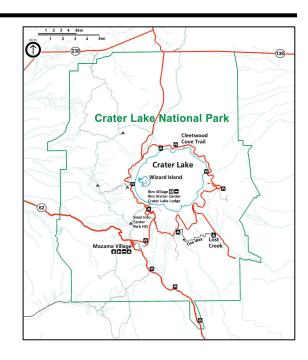
(d) The transportation of lawfully taken wildlife over park roads is allowed only Highway 62, on Munson Valley Road from Annie Springs Entrance Station to Rim Village Junction, on Rim Drive from Rim Village junction to North Junction of North Entrance Road, and on North Entrance Road to the north park boundary at State Highway 138. Lawfully taken wildlife transported through the park shall be completely covered or otherwise kept out of view, and must be properly tagged in accordance with state law. (e) The park is closed to the viewing of wildlife through the use of artificial light.

36 CFR S2.10: Camping

(b)(6) Displaying wildlife carcasses or other remains or parts thereof, is prohibited.

Firearms Regulations

As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Oregon and local laws to possess firearms in Crater Lake National Park. The new federal law, a provision of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-24, Section 512), makes possession of firearms in national parks also subject to the firearms laws of the state and communities where the parks are located. Federal law continues to prohibit the possession of firearms in designated "federal facilities" in national parks, for example, visitor centers, offices, or maintenance buildings. These places are marked with "Firearms Prohibited" signs. The new law also does not change prohibitions on the use of firearms in national parks or change hunting regulations in those few national parks that allow hunting. Hunting still is not allowed in Crater Lake National Park.



Signs

Signs like the one below mark the park boundary. The area behind the sign is National Park land.

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Some sections of the park are better marked than others. You are responsible for knowing where you are. The arrowhead below is the emblem of the National Park Service.



What to do if?

If you see a violation of hunting or firearms laws, please call (541)594-3060 during business hours. After hours, please call 1-800-452-7888. If you legally shoot an animal and it enters the park, call a ranger. All regulations still apply. Do not pursue the animal into the park. When you call for assistance, a park ranger will be dispatched to assist you. Please be patient, he or she will respond as soon as possible. The ranger will attempt to determine if the animal was legally shot outside the park's boundaries. If this can be

done, he or she will attempt to locate the animal within a reasonable amount of time (as determined by the ranger). You may accompany the park ranger, but all weapons must be left outside the park. If the animal is located and appears to be critically wounded, the animal will be dispatched for you. You may then field dress and remove it. If the animal is not critically wounded (determined by the ranger), pursuit will end.

Things to Remember

While in the park, it is unlawful to:

- possess, carry or use a weapon, trap or net (except as allowed by state firearms regulation).
- pursue, hunt, harass, harm, shoot, trap, net, capture, collect, kill, wound or attempt to do any of these things.
- feed, touch, tease, frighten wildlife, or intentionally disturb wildlife activities.
- view wildlife using artificial light.

For each violation of park regulations, violators may be punished by fines up to \$5000 or by imprisonment up to 6 months. Penalties for violation of United States Code may include fines up to \$20,000 and/or 5 years imprisonment. Firearms, vehicles, horses, or other instruments used in the taking of wildlife can be seized by rangers and forfeited to the government.

Don't take a chance, when in doubt......
......call a ranger.